

Date September 15, 2017

Project Name Brookline Strategic Asset Plan &

Major Parcel Study

Project No. 76134.00

Meeting Date September 13, 2017

Meeting Time 8:00pm

**Location** Brookline Town Hall

Recorded by Sasaki

Purpose Public Meeting

## **Public Meeting Questions + Notes**

## **OUESTIONS ASKED + COMMENTS MADE**

- Will the SAP have an analysis of property's useful life of existing components—capital budgeting?
  - Town is working on plans to link building data and scheduling to an interface
- What's the difference between Sasaki and RKG?
  - Explained for everyone
- What is the balance between the suggestions made for public vs. private? How much of each and why? New open space plan may place further restrictions – will the MPS be taking this into account?
  - These restrictions can be added, but can also coordinate/identify new needs as congruent with open space plan.
  - Can identify different types of open space needs: active vs. passive open space.
  - Can also include study by schools.
- Is citizen indoor space included as a component in the MPS?
  - This will be included in final report.
  - Other needs are for simplification of room requesting system, and in general, needs for more community space (Education, recreation, senior center, etc.).
- Question regarding merging of parcels: worried about BU's merging of parcels—worried that this type of activity could "sideswipe" the community—how to address this?
  - Could see all institutional and related land to see what's missing in the study.
- Question and concern about dealing with ownership of parcels by owners with multiple names or dummy corporations—how may parcels like these be included in what is a priority parcel?

- What about parcels outside the study? Will there be more looking into these (for instance parcels under 2 acres)?
  - Gave 20 Boylston as an example
  - Could look at important parcels based on major proximities or important locations
  - Market analysis will also inform this
- Comment that equipment distribution must be strategic. (Ex: snow plows should be distributed throughout the town, not in one location)
- What is the reason for this study—what is being produced?
  - Town's goal is to plan more into the future
  - Final document will be like a "live" document—it fits within a larger planning study
- Comment: "We have been hampered by the fact that the Town doesn't have money for when a parcel becomes available." The process takes a while and lack of funds/planning can be a hurdle to act.
  - Comment that a strategic land reserve is needed

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